

The Coutts protest / blockade occurred between Saturday, January 29, 2022, and Tuesday, February 15, 2022, a total of 18 days. There were hundreds of employees, several different agencies, and many other persons involved in the management or administration of the Coutts blockade.

C/Supt. Kevin R.H. KUNETZKI, was the Silver Commander at Coutts, from Day 7 of the protest to Day 17. The below type-written notes were prepared between February 28 and April 1, 2022, as time permitted, from a review of his personal hand-written notes, scribe notes, the wall board notes (photographed), personal emails (included in dataset), and personal observations.

2022-01-24 (Monday)

Role – Deputy Criminal Operations Officer

Several Situation Reports, increasing by the day, had been received to this point regarding vaccination protests throughout the Province. Persons, vehicles, large trucks, and farm implements were gathering at various municipal buildings, at the Legislature, on major highways, and other public locations. As these were occurring, Criminal Operations also had information that a Cross-Canada truck convoy protest was travelling from British Columbia to Ottawa. The risk at this time to police and public safety was low, but the number of participants were more and more becoming a concern for traffic safety reasons.

- 0947 – Email from S/Sgt. Scott Fuller, Special Tactical Operations (STO) NCO, advising our Division Emergency Operations Centre (DEOC) that the Cross-Canada trucker convoy / protest was in Calgary (several hundred trucks). The OPP had the contact information and were looking for RCMP and CPS to contact the organizer and to assist with sharing information as the convoy was moving East.

Criminal Operations assigned Insp. Chris Romanchych, OIC Traffic Services, to manage the convoy as it moved East from Calgary to Saskatchewan. In one case, as an example of a traffic safety concern, was that officers were reported to have stopped one person related to the group who was travelling about 150 km/h.

2022-01-26 (Wednesday)

Role – Deputy Criminal Operations Officer

On Wednesday, January 26, again, among other notifications of protests, Criminal Operations received the first report that a protest was being planned for Coutts. The notification to Criminal Operations came in the form of an email from the Ministry of the Justice and Solicitor General.

- 1832 – Email from A/Commissioner John FERGUSON, Criminal Operations Officer, forwarded from JSG ADM **Personal Info.** Global News advising of a Facebook post that was circulating,

advising of an apparent blockade that was being planned at the Coutts border, for Saturday morning.

Notifications to various RCMP provincial and federal units were made via email sharing. Initial internal tasking was made by the Criminal Operations Officer to obtain further information, including a task to try and identify the organizer(s) of the protest.

2022-01-27 (Thursday)

Role – Deputy Criminal Operations Officer

Planning for the response to Coutts, as previously mentioned, began as early as January 26, 2022. By January 27, 2022, Southern Alberta District started to request additional resources from the Division.

- 1111 – Email from Supt. CORBETT, OIC Critical Incident Program, authorizing ten STO resources to assist Southern Alberta District with the anticipated Coutts protest. In the same email chain, Insp. Ian Shardlow, Southern Alberta District (SAD) Operations Officer, identified they were also seeking support from the Sheriffs, Integrated Traffic Services, and our Community Conflict Management Group (CCMG). This was the beginning of what would soon be significant resources called upon to manage the event.

2022-01-28 (Friday)

Role – Deputy Criminal Operations Officer

An increasing number of vaccine protest advisories continued to come into Criminal Operations, throughout the day. Discussions occurred about whether or not the DEOC should be activated. A number of Situation Reports indicated many protests would be mobile and were planning to travel to the Legislature on Saturday.

- 0930 – MS Teams meeting held between Criminal Operations (A/Commissioner FERGUSON and C/Supt. KUNETZKI) and SAD (C/Supt. Trevor DAROUX and Insp. Ian Shardlow). C/Supt. KUNETZKI recommended the Bronze Silver Gold (BSG) command structure be utilized for the Coutts event, and that the District Officer, C/Supt. DAROUX, serve as the Gold Commander. C/Supt. KUNETZKI further recommended that the gold strategy support a peaceful and lawful protest, access and egress routes for emergency personnel, and traffic flow; but, not a blockade.
- 1154 – Situation Report received from SAD, with details of the planned protest at Coutts. In addition to the Sheriffs, ITU, and STO, a number of Integrated Border Enforcement Team (IBET) members would be assisting.
- 1616 – Finalized Coutts Ops Plan was sent to Criminal Operations, which included the gold strategy as indicated above. The Silver Commanders would be Insp. Ian Shardlow and S/Sgt. Chris Zanidean (District Advisory NCO for SAD).

Part of the District command team's strategy was to be proactive in their communications with the protest group. The SAD management team worked with Strategic Communications and Solicitor-Client Priv. on the preparation of a document that they could hand out to protestors on Saturday morning, advising of the role of the police, as well as identifying what was expected of the police and what would be unlawful. This was completed.

By the end of the day Friday, due to the sheer number of anticipated protests throughout the Division, A/Commissioner John FERGUSON made the decision to activate the DEOC, with the objective of monitoring all protests in the Division. A/Commissioner FERGUSON and C/Supt. Peter TEWFIK would serve as Co-Gold Commanders for the Division's oversight of all protests.

Day 1 (Saturday) 2022-01-29 to Day 6 (Thursday) 2022-02-03

Role – Deputy Criminal Operations Officer

C/Supt. KUNETZKI was RTO on Day 1 (Saturday) and Day 2 (Sunday). From Day 3 (Monday), to Day 6 (Thursday), C/Supt. KUNETZKI continued to work in Criminal Operations, now looking after all things Criminal Operations (normal operations). A/Commissioner FERGUSON and C/Supt. TEWFIK worked full time in our DEOC.

As much as possible, C/Supt. KUNETZKI signed into the daily MS Teams briefings from the DEOC. The following general events were noted and known to C/Supt. KUNETZKI prior to his own attendance at Coutts, via MS Teams, Situation Reports, or personal conversations with District and DEOC Gold Command:

- **Day 1 (Saturday) 2022-01-29**
 - The convoy arrived at Coutts late morning, early afternoon, having come from various staging locations in Southern Alberta. At one point it was said to be 48 kms long and to have nearly 1000 vehicles. After the vehicles did a number of loops in the area, a protestor purposefully jackknifed a semi truck on Hwy 4, at the main entrance to Coutts (later identified as 'Site'). The protestors then completely blocked both directions of traffic.
 - DEOC attempted to get tow truck assistance. However, in this case, only a few companies identified as being willing to assist at this time. There was reluctance from our towing companies to assist, either due to support for the protest or a fear of retaliation.
 - CCMG was immediately engaged with the protestors to try and open the highway via negotiation. They communicated clearly that the protest was unlawful, and they shared information from the 'Role of Police' document. Their efforts to clear the blockade were not entirely effective at this time.

- The RCMP established several checkpoints at the outset of the blockade. This was to prevent further persons and vehicles to get into Site. One key checkpoint established was at Hwy 4 and Hwy 501(S). As more and more people came into the area, this check point grew quickly from tens of protestors and vehicles to hundreds of protestors, passenger vehicles, farm implements, RV's and campers (later increasing and decreasing in size, depending on the day of the week). Although peaceful, this protest area was also identified as unlawful, as the protestors here started to cause a slow down in traffic and at times a blockage of the roadway. Another key checkpoint established was at CP05, this was at an access road to the East of the railway tracks, East of Coutts. Without this checkpoint, persons could otherwise bring more vehicles and persons into the area. The reason these locations were referred to as checkpoints, was due to the RCMP still recognizing the need to allow access for local residents.
- More truck and vehicle convoys/protests in the province continued. Many were now reported to be in support of the Coutts blockade. In some cases, a protest at Fort Macleod for example, there were additional blockades. In all of these other cases in Alberta, however, the blockades were cleared in relatively short order after police arrived and communicated with organizers. It was also on this first day at Coutts that a large number of the 'Freedom' Convoy arrived in Ottawa. By all accounts, the events taking place resembled that of a National protest movement, with a significant number of protests taking place simultaneously across the Country.
- **Day 2 (Sunday) 2022-03-30**
 - The blockade at Site remained. Additional resources continued to deploy to the area.
 - The RCMP became more and more aware that that several drivers and trucks were unexpectedly, and unwillingly, caught in the initial blockade. STO canvassed the drivers, and as many as 40+ drivers were identified as not wanting to be a part of the blockade. These were drivers who were initially wanting to support the convoy, but who did not necessarily want to be part of a blockade. Some of these drivers had called 911, and they reported not having access to food or amenities (STO reports and 911 calls). There was a concern that at some point there might be violence or fighting amongst the truckers themselves, for this reason.
- **Day 3 (Monday) 2022-01-31**
 - Supt. CORBETT departed Edmonton and arrived at Coutts. Upon his arrival, he served as the Sub-Bronze CIP Commander, reporting to the Bronze Site Commander. He provided daily updates on the events at Coutts, and he led all tactical aspects of the operation.
 - Despite the initial challenge getting tow companies to cooperate, the RCMP was able on this date to secure a few tow trucks to attend Site. They staged in the area, but they were not deployed on this date, as the RCMP was not yet ready to begin a large scale

enforcement plan. The blockade was already significant in size, and it would require significant resources.

- In the morning, resources were still being assembled and organized. By the afternoon, when an enforcement plan might have been executed, protesters who were caught unwillingly in the blockade were permitted to leave and there were meetings amongst the protest group that might have indicated the end of the blockade. As a result, no enforcement activity took place this date.

- **Day 4 (Tuesday) 2022-02-01**

- The plan in the morning was to commence towing enforcement, with the support of a contingent of STO resources. The challenge that soon became evident around 0830 hours, was that none of the towing companies returned. This left the RCMP with virtually no assets to move any of the trucks on the highway.
- Other options or strategies included arresting protestors and then using their keys to move the vehicles (with our own class 1 drivers), and/or seizing the vehicles and using locksmiths to help mobilize the vehicles. Both options presented unique challenges, i.e. where to move the vehicles to, mass arrests, and/or having sufficient locksmiths.
- DEOC, by this point, had tried to get tow trucks from all over Alberta, even from locations in Saskatchewan and British Columbia. DEOC also explored the idea of purchasing tow trucks or even obtaining other heavy equipment to move large commercial vehicles. All attempts to this point were unsuccessful. An inquiry was also made through channels to determine whether asset support (tow trucks or heavy equipment) could be supplied by the Canadian Armed Forces. This latter inquiry, was also not available to the RCMP.
- In lieu of not having tow trucks, and despite the challenges still present, about 40+ STO members assembled and advanced on the protestors at Site. This attempt to gain cooperation and compliance resulted in a flashpoint. A large number of protestors from the surrounding area very quickly descended on the RCMP. There were then insufficient resources (officers and tow assets) to arrest protestors and clear the blockade. The risk to police and public safety at this time was too great to continue with enforcement.
- The Coutts command group often gave consideration to the possibility of flashpoints, when actions of police, despite being just or appropriate, can result in calls to action for like-minded people or groups to get involved or initiate a counter-response. It was recognized early that the actions of the RCMP in Coutts could result in unknown responses from others, even for the police operations in Ottawa. All tactical options, throughout the event, had to be carefully considered for this reason.

- **Day 5 (Wednesday) 2022-02-02**

- Information was received that the protestors had a meeting planned with MLA's. The details of this meeting were not directly known to the RCMP. In response to this information, the protestors opened up one Northbound lane and one Southbound lane. This was said to be a show of good faith.

- **Day 6 (Thursday) 2022-02-03**

- A number of protestors reported they were making plans to abandon Site and go to Edmonton for the weekend, to protest at the Legislature. Later that day, however, **Personal Info.**, showed up and spoke to the crowd; he encouraged the protestors to stay in Coutts. With the exception of a few drivers and trucks, the vast majority of the protestors at Site ended up staying.

Day 7 (Friday) 2022-02-04

Role – Deputy Criminal Operations Officer

C/Supt. KUNETZKI and Insp. Leanne MacMillan departed for Airdrie to Coutts. On the way, they stopped at Southern Alberta District in Airdrie to meet with the Coutts Gold Commander, C/Supt. DAROUX.

The management and magnitude of the event had become significant. It was noted upon arrival to the South District Office that the Coutts Silver Commanders were operating from Airdrie. C/Supt. KUNETZKI recommended to C/Supt. DAROUX that the BSG Command Structure change, either for Coutts Gold to remain in District, with Silver to be on site in Coutts, and for the Gold direction to come only from the District; or for the DEOC Gold to assume command more directly for Coutts as well, still with Silver to be on site at Coutts. Following a subsequent meeting between C/Supt. DAROUX and A/Commissioner FERGUSON, it was decided the command structure would change. DEOC Gold Command would assume oversight more directly for Coutts, and Southern Alberta District would provide support. C/Supt. KUNETZKI would assume Silver Command upon arrival to Coutts, and upon getting established.

C/Supt. KUNETZKI arrived at Coutts in the evening, along with Insp. MacMillan (both travelled together from Lethbridge). CP10 had approximately 200 persons/vehicles at that location, and Site appeared to have approximately 50 commercial vehicles, trucks, and other vehicles at that location. Both CP10 and Site were noted to be significant events. The evening was spent getting oriented to the Command Post, at CBSA, and a few of the team members present.

Day 8 (Saturday) 2022-02-05

Role – Deputy Criminal Operations Officer / Silver Commander

At Site, one lane was open Southbound and one lane open Northbound.

C/Supt. KUNETZKI and Insp. MacMillan worked alongside of Supt. CORBETT for the greater part of the morning and afternoon, not yet transitioning command. They were introduced to the commanders, advised on the available assets to date, how our resources were organized, and the names of some of the key community members and protesters.

Supt. CORBETT had been identified as the Bronze Site Commander, but he was actually serving in the role as the Coutts Site Silver. The Command Post was overfull, with most working in the boardroom. As the day progressed, C/Supt. KUNETZKI and Insp. MacMillan prepared a new BSG Org Chart, one to reflect the decision made on the day previous with DEOC Gold Command. A focus was given to finding spaces in CBSA for people to work and setting up meeting times for the Gold/Silver/Bronze commanders. This was recorded on a whiteboard each day and photographed.

As it related to a few key participants, one name that surfaced early was [Personal]. He was reported by CCMG and Supt. CORBETT as being one of the protest leaders, although at this stage it was not entirely clear if there was a single leader. [Personal] degree of influence was not entirely clear at this time, but it was significant enough that he was trying to negotiate fuel to come into the area for the protestors. C/Supt. KUNETZKI also better understood on this date that the group of protestors had established a meeting place at [Personal], which was an old bar in town that was no longer in operation. Another name that surfaced early was [Personal]. He was described at the time as a local rancher with community ties and influence; he was wanting the event to end as soon as possible. He was communicating with the protestors and police.

Mid morning, command was advised that some elected officials had attended the CBSA office wanting to speak the person(s) in charge. C/Supt. KUNETZKI and Supt. CORBETT met with MP Glen Motz, Mayor Jim Willett from the Village of Coutts, and Mayor Lorne Buis from the Village of Foremost. They were wanting to help in any way they could. They said they would be meeting with the protest group, and they wanted to know if they could relay any messages or information. C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised they could assist by relaying that traffic needs to keep flowing, that the RCMP are presently investigating for offences relating to vehicles blocking the highway, and that protestors need to follow the direction of police and to be peaceful.

On this day, there were about 50 commercial vehicles at Site, and one lane was open each direction. This total number of number changed slightly from day to day, decreasing a little bit as the days progressed (as a small group of protestors decided to leave at various points), but it remained about the same for the duration of the protest. CP10, as previous indicated, increased and decreased, depending on the week. On this date it was reported to have doubled in size. The time to drive through CP10 was approximately two hours.

Key Issues/Points/Decisions:

- 1225 – Silver/Bronze Commanders meeting. Supt. CORBETT lead the meeting. Bronze commanders provided updates.
- C/Supt. KUNETZKI provided direction for any unruly behaviour, i.e. alcohol, driving offences, etc (during the protests): zero tolerance, but with discretion, meaning observed offences should be acted upon, but charges would be a matter of discretion.
- Supt. CORBETT also talked about the goal of our getting the protest from 'unlawful' to 'lawful'.
- 1600 – Transition of Command. C/Supt. KUNETZKI assumed the role of Silver Coutts on-site Command.

- Bronze Inv, Sgt. Aaron Ewert, advised [Personal Info.] was arrestable for Coutts attendance and his inciting speech.
- C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised of a serious injury collision on Hwy 1, where a truck hit a protestor tractor involved in a convoy. The purpose of sharing this information was to ensure all understood the dangers of large vehicles in amongst people.
- 1755 – C/Supt KUNETZKI was advised [Personal Info.] was saying he will close the highway again if he can't get fuel down to Coutts. Supt CORBETT dealt with this request. There was a discussion around the pros and cons of allowing fuel. There were several considerations given to this request. Con: the manner in which [Perso] is requesting the fuel (threatening to close the highway). Pro: the trucks will have fuel to be moved when we are able to get them moved. Not having fuel will make them difficult to start and move. The area was wide open in some fields, and persons were still carrying fuel to the area. It was not a high risk area for negotiation. The decision later in the day was to allow fuel into the site, as one ultimate goal was to clear the blockade. It was also recognized the area is remote and not having fuel would potentially put risk on public safety (a number of protestors were staying in their vehicles).
- The evening saw roughly 400 vehicles and 800 people at CP10.
- 1815 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI put in a request to DEOC for Event File Management at the Coutts Command Post.

At the end of the day, CCMG advised there were indications that some of the protestors were planning to leave tomorrow, at 1300. [Person] however, said they are not leaving until the mandates are lifted.

Day 9 (Sunday) 2022-02-06

Role – Silver Commander

At Site, one lane was open Southbound and one lane open Northbound.

Objectives on this date were to ensure police and public safety, keep traffic moving, allow for the ongoing investigation to continue, and to facilitate support for a planned departure of some of the protestors at Site at 1300 hrs.

Key Issues/Points/Decisions:

- C/Supt. KUNETZKI provided direction to CIP Bronze, Cpl Marty Reed, to start working on a plan in the event we needed to arrest the protestors at Site, whether soon or later. What would be needed? What would be the tactical plan?
- C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised, determined, that as long as the lanes stayed open at Coutts, our priority would be the public order event at CP10, and our second priority would be at Site. If the

blockade resumed at Site, then the priority would at Site, with the secondary priority being CP10.

- C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised that in order to help address the issue at CP10, it would be helpful and of value to have an alternative and lawful protest site identified. CP10 is very dangerous with all of the young kids and the large semis and trucks present and flowing through CP10. C/Supt. KUNETZKI formally created the Community & Stakeholder Engagement Team on the org chart. S/Sgt. Chris Zanidean was assigned as the Bronze Commander. The role of this team would be to work with our community leaders, to keep them informed, and see if they can assist us to identify an alternative protest site for the protestors.
- CCMG reported another person, [Personal Info.], was claiming to be a leader at CP10. The credibility of this claim was unknown, as [Person] later reported that [Per] doesn't speak for the group; however, he [Person] said he had heard of [Perso]
- [Personal Info.] identified to CCMG that [Person] was his "number 2" if he is not around.
- 1100 –Silver/Gold/Bronze Investigation group meeting:
 - There was little information known about the protest group, the organizers, or their plans. This was a serious and significant blockade to an international border crossing. It was also unlawful and contrary to the Critical Infrastructure Defense Act, Section 430 of the Criminal Code, and numerous TSA offences. The protest, in the absence of any towing assets, alternative strategies, or other possible tools, was proving for there to be long term potential.
 - C/Supt. KUNETZKI asked the group if we should [Publication Ban]
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 - At this same meeting, there was a discussion about needing to start clearly identifying those who have the greatest involvement in the protest. Bronze Investigation had already been working towards identifying these persons.
- 1300 – No vehicles had left Site yet. Some of the protestors who had met with the MLA's earlier were working to convince others to leave.

- Met with Cpl. Reed and Insp. MacMillan to discuss tactical options in order of preference. These options were then further discussed with Gold Command. A key factor of these options was that there were still no towing assets available.
 - #1 – Keep containment and prevent the situation from getting larger/worse; work to decreasing the size of the protest to a more manageable size for enforcement.
 - #2 – Strategic / Voluntary (informed and coordinated) arrests of key participants. Coordinated.
 - #3 – Strategic / Voluntary (informed and coordinated) arrests of key participants, followed by seizure of vehicles.
 - #4 – Daytime seizure of vehicles, and arrest anyone who interferes for obstruction. Work on removing the trucks from the road.
 - #5 – Early morning mass arrest of protestors at site, from vehicles (not a preferred option, as it would require as many as 200 members and there would be the risk of weapons in the vehicles).
- 1757 - Four semi trucks and a tractor departed from Site and left the area.

Day 10 (Monday) 2022-02-07

Role – Silver Commander

At Site, one lane was open Southbound and one lane open Northbound.

Objectives on this date were to ensure police and public safety, keep traffic moving, allow for the ongoing investigation to continue, continue preparing tactical plans and options, and to identify an alternative protest site.

Key Issues/Points/Decisions:

- At the morning briefing, GD Bronze advised that overnight there were five large tractors and at least one pickup truck that failed to stop for police and drove around the police at CP04 (North of CP05). The suspects drove up to **Personal** and then ran inside before police could identify the suspect drivers. A large crowd then gathered around and many people started telling the police, “This is my tractor”.
- At some point during the night, the tractors were then put out on the roadway at Site. C/Supt. KUNETZKI provided direction to Bronze Investigation to conduct an overt investigation of the tractor incident, as well as to document the tractors now at Site, and to be seen doing this. In this way, the protestors would also know their actions would be investigated.

- ADM JSG advised the C.O. they are working to see if they can get the RCMP any equipment to assist with towing (Information shared from Gold).
- C/Supt. KUNETZKI reinforced with CCMG the need to continually be advising the protest organizers / leaders that their actions are unlawful and they continue to be investigated. This had been and would continue to be done.
- Discussed with Command Group a tactic that was used by CPS, ticketing a group of protestors using vehicles to block a road in Calgary. Discussed ticketing the trucks at Coutts (in addition to eventually having greater charges and/or arrests for mischief and CIDA). Not deemed to be a feasible or effective option at this time.
- 2000 approx – A group of tractors, eventually totaling 5, drove into the area near CP04. One of them had a plow and narrowly missed hitting police vehicles. They were accompanied by pickup trucks, and Perso was identified as a driver of one of these trucks. The drivers of the tractors failed to stop for police, and then ran from police and parked at Personal. The drivers ran inside and the police following were swarmed by protestors. The police could not then identify any of the tractor drivers. At the time of this event, the RCMP nightshift closed Hwy 4 from traffic, for reasons of police and public safety.
- 2108 – The protestors, using the tractors, next blocked the Northbound and Southbound lanes at Site. Border access remained closed until 0020 hrs, at which time the protestors re-opened the border without prompting.

Day 11 (Tuesday) 2022-02-08

Role – Silver Commander

In the morning, at Site, there was one lane open Southbound and one lane open Northbound. However, due to the events of the previous evening, RCMP were still holding traffic at CP14.

There were 56 commercial vehicles waiting at CP14 (at Milk River), and during the evening as many as 4 to 8 commercial vehicles were caught in the blockade. Perso was also reported to have three resupply vehicles at CP14, along with one commercial vehicle hauling equipment that resembled that of a D8 CAT (exact model not then reported to Silver).

Objectives on this date were to ensure police and public safety, keep traffic moving, allow for the ongoing investigation to continue, continue preparing tactical plans and options, and to identify an alternative protest site.

Key Issues/Points/Decisions:

- A possible tactic considered early on this day was to seize the tractors, and then look to use the tractors to assist with dismantling the blockade. It was recognized that seizing the tractors could be dangerous, and sufficient resources would need to be in place if this tactic was utilized or attempted. DOJ advised later, however, that although there was an authority to seize the

tractors, there was not an authority that allowed for the police to convert them for RCMP use. Other factors later in the day resulted in this tactic not being executed.

- As RCMP worked to get the commercial traffic flowing again in the morning, several cattle trucks also arrived at CP14, wanting or needing to get through as well. The RCMP prioritized the cattle trucks over the other commercial vehicles, due to the type of load being carried. All commercial vehicles with the appropriate documents were allowed to come through.
- CCMG talked with PersonA before noon. The tactics by the protestors the night previous were said to be a message that they could shut down the highway anytime they wanted. Of interest to police, PersonB was especially concerned about the cattle trucks. He asked CCMG at least twice if the cattle trucks were able to get through. It began evident there was some type of connection between the protest organizers and the cattle haulers.
- 1220 – Report that 6 tractors and 3 commercial vehicles from Site had started moving around. C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised to stop all traffic Northbound and Southbound, for police and public safety. CCMG talked to PersonC who said the tractors were only supposed to be doing a slow roll. Reported they were parked again. At 1334 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI allowed traffic to flow again.
- The Bronze Community & Stakeholder Engagement Team (CSET), having worked with the surrounding communities over the past couple of days, advised they found an alternative lawful protest site at Milk River. The Milk River Site was across from the main entrance to Milk River, alongside of Hwy 4. This site was owned and approved for use by Alberta Transportation. A local community group had also offered to set up free Wi-Fi on the site. This provided police with the ability to provide the protestors with an alternative location for their protest. This step was further critical in terms of the police working to help prevent anyone from getting seriously injured or killed. At CP10 there were hundreds of people at times, including families and young children, who were at serious risk with all of the commercial traffic still flowing through Hwy 10.
- 1350 – Silver / Gold meeting. C/Supt. KUNETZKI proposed a tactical plan to seize and then disable all tractors at Site. As previously noted, there was some danger to this tactic, i.e. the possible swarming of members and having to make significant arrests. However, to this point the tractors had run from police twice; they were moved a third time today without warning; and we almost had police vehicles struck by the tractors on both previous occasions. CIP Bronze, Supt. CORBETT, presented another tactical option at this time, which was to instead wait for the Province to make their anticipated announcement on the mandates, send a strong safety message to the protestors in the interim, and see whether the protest might otherwise soon be resolved without having to use force. The Gold decision at this time was to support the second option, and then reassess, especially given the short time frame for the announcement.
- 1500 – Media presentation by the Commanding Officer, D/Commissioner Zablocki, and the Acting Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Sonya Savage. D/Commissioner Zablocki, in his message, also advised the public and the protesters the blockade was illegal.

- CCMG attended **Personal** and spoke to **Perso**, as well as a group of protestors. CCMG articulated the concerns and dangers of the tractors and said the tractors need to be removed and taken home. **Perso** acknowledged the dangers with the tractors; however, they would not remove them from Site. **Pers**, referring to an anticipated announcement from the Province, said if there was a good message they could all be gone.
- 1700 – Premier Jason Kenny announced the easing of public health restrictions.
- 1910 – Protestors blocked the Northbound and Southbound lanes at Site (Coutts).
- CCMG spoke to **Perso** who said he was about 5% impressed with the Premier's announcement. **Person** said he was extremely frustrated with the Premier's announcement and was hoping for more. They conveyed they would be staying the course.
- 2030 – C/Supt. DAROUX returned from a Council meeting in Milk River. Of the people in attendance, C/Supt. DAROUX reported the group expressed support for the trucker's movement.
- The end of day discussions included Silver & Gold talking about how to now move protestors from CP10 to the new lawful protest area, i.e. working to have **Perso** assist in this process, engaging CCMG, and engaging media and in-person communication strategies. We also discussed the possibility of now advancing on the strategic arrest of key organizers, i.e. **Person** and other organizers. A number of packages were now with the Crown for review. Other discussions revolved around ticketing violators at CP10, if protestors refuse to move, especially given that the alternative protest site has been established.

Day 12 (Wednesday) 2022-02-09

Role – Silver Commander

Both lanes blocked at Site.

There were 53 commercial vehicles waiting at CP14 (at Milk River). When leaving Lethbridge, it was also noted that an exceptional number of commercial vehicles were parked in and around the hotels.

Key Issues/Points/Decisions:

- General Duty Bronze Commander reported that two more tractors and one other farm implement came into the area overnight.
- C/Supt. KUNETZKI provided direction to the Bronze Commanders that we will be working to move the protestors from CP10 to the new protest site at Milk River. This would be accomplished in a manner similar to the IM/IM, i.e. working to have **Person** assistance in moving the protestors, engaging public announcements of our intentions, engaging a second CCMG team to talk with people, getting cooperation from the food trucks, and then moving to enforcement (ticketing) closer to the end of the day (1600 hrs).

- 0829 – Information was received that 17-20 cattle trucks were wanting to come through the Coutts border again; they were soon then after staged at CP14. The protestors at Site indicated to CCMG that they were only prepared to let the cattle trucks through. A tactical consideration at this time was whether the RCMP might get concrete barriers to drop on the road, in order to prevent the protestors from re-establishing the blockade once it was open again. Strategic arrests of the leadership group were also considered at this time. C/Supt. KUNETZKI requested 100 concrete pillars from Gold Command. The challenge was getting the pillars to Coutts in time. It was also soon realized that it would take a significant resources and equipment to drop 100 concrete pillars onto the highway. The other reality was that the protestors had large farm implements at Site, which could easily be used to thwart this strategy. On this date, at that time, there were 41 personal vehicles at Site, 14 tractors, 33 commercial vehicles (large trucks), and 5 RV's. This tactic was ultimately not utilized for these reasons and challenges stated.
- Bronze CIP, Supt. CORBETT, introduced the concept of long term protest management versus having to give continual considerations to what otherwise might require a sustained use of enforcement and/or force. In other words, given our lack of towing assets and resources at this time, he questioned whether the RCMP might need to look at further options for negotiation, if it could ensure traffic would keep flowing - at least until the RCMP had the right equipment and resources in place to take down the blockade. This option was never implemented due to the situation becoming more significant and dangerous as the events continued to unfold.
- 1120 - The protestors at Site opened up the Southbound lanes of the blockade by moving their tractors. 17-20 cattle trucks came through, and then immediately afterwards, at 1208, the protestor group blocked the road again. This solidified a connection between the cattle trucks and the protest group. Other trucks had to be diverted to other ports. Attempts were being made by the Bronze Investigative team, CCMG, and C/Supt. DAROUX to determine the extent and meaning of this connection.
- 1200 - CCMG reported having learned that the wife of the saloon owner passed away on Sunday. She told the protestors before she died, "Hold the line boys". The protestors and group were moved for a number of reasons. They were also said to be involved in this protest for God's work.
- Communications at CP10 with the crowd were not successful to have them move voluntarily to the new protest site at Milk River. Following the RCMP's morning media release, the crowd chanted, "Hell no we won't go." This was a sentiment heard by CCMG, CSET, and GD teams.
- 1516 – GD Bronze advised that **Perso** had failed to stop for police at one of our police checkpoints. C/Supt. KUNETZKI requested Bronze Investigation to complete a follow up investigation on this report.
- 1600 – RCMP deployed 4 Sections of STO (32 members), as well as GD members and Sheriffs, to start enforcement at CP10. The first level of enforcement was a coordinated ticketing of

protestor vehicles for various TSA offences. Several violation tickets were issued at this time. One protestor with mental health concerns was arrested after he ran at officers. The event, although tense at first due to this one arrest, was peaceful and resulted in no violence.

- At the end of the day it was evident that **Personal Info.** as well as those at CP10, were not supportive of moving off the highway to the new protest site at Milk River. Command anticipated having one CPS small tow truck that might be used to tow vehicles the next day from CP14. There was also the possibility that we may now be able to get as many as 3 to 5 tow trucks in the coming days; DEOC was working on this. C/Supt. KUNETZKI requested to have any tow trucks that we could have. C/Supt. KUNETZKI discussed now looking to make strategic arrests of **Personal Info.** at Site, and to start towing vehicles from CP10 tomorrow.
- On the drive to the hotel, later that evening, Sgt. Aaron Ewert called with an update to the investigation. **Publication Ban**
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Day 13 (Thursday) 2022-02-10

Role – Silver Commander

Both lanes blocked at Site.

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Information on this date also suggested significant risk and danger to the police and public, which required further investigation before any other tactics could be considered. This information was significant in terms of how the RCMP would now respond to the protest.

Key Issues/Points/Decisions:

- 0750 – Bronze investigator, Sgt. Ewert, debriefed C/Supt. KUNETZKI, as well as the Gold Commanders and the C.O. **Publication Ban**, relative to the day previous (Wednesday), was as follows:

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- 0815 – At the morning briefing, GD Bronze reported three more tractors came in through CP03.
- The Bronze Command group at times talked about three or four ‘wise men.’ This name was associated to the persons who were reported to have left the blockade in the earlier days, after meeting with a MLA(s). It was around this time that the wise men were starting to be interviewed by the Bronze Investigative team.
- By this time in the event, the investigators were also starting to reach out to registered owners of some of the tractors. One owner advised it had been his brother who took the tractor. He told investigators, “Be careful. Lots of extremists. For everyone you take they will bring 50.”
- 1040 – CCMG reported they had engaged with Person earlier that morning. When asked about the cattle trucks that were anticipated, Person said it was a hard no. They were not opening the boarder now, for anyone.
- 1100 – 1330 (about) C/Supt. KUNETZKI held an on-site Silver / Bronze Commander meeting, limited to CIP Bronze and Investigative Bronze, Deputy Silver and C/Supt. DAROUX. The following investigative / tactical strategies and plan was developed and written onto a tear sheet and / or notebook:
 - Three-phased Tactical Plan would be implemented:
 - Phase I – Disruption / Dismantle the Criminal Organization
 - Phase II – Disassembly & Removal of Infrastructure
 - Phase III – Prevention & Maintenance of a clear Site
 - Phase I would include, but not limited to, the following investigational strategies and event tactics:
 - Strategic Arrest of Leaders (Bronze Investigation needs 48 hrs approx. to ensure arrest packages are ready)
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 - Overt and Covert Surveillance of group
 - CBSA and USCBP to be closed (supply route)
 - Overt Investigation tactics, i.e. seen investigating tractors
 - Engage the Church to know the participant's motivations better
- 1430 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI departed early on this date, and Silver Command was turned over to C/Supt. DAROUX for the remainder of the evening.
 - 1800 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI participated in a Silver/Gold meeting, from his hotel in Lethbridge. The discussion included a variety of topics, including updates on attempts to get tow trucks, vehicles being diverted to other ports, and protestors upset (believing that police were trying to get keys cut for the tractors). C/Supt. KUNETZKI expressed serious concern to the command group that the situation was becoming very high risk, for police and public safety. C/Supt. KUNETZKI requested CIP resources (ERT and STO) to be on site at Coutts 24/7, with a further monitoring of our key areas, i.e. our entrance to the Coutts port office. Supt. CORBETT advised they are working on this.

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- if the truck, bag, and participants could be located. Attempts to locate the truck and guns, however, were negative.

Day 14 (Friday) 2022-02-11

Role – Silver Commander

Both lanes blocked at Site.

With the investigation ongoing and more focused on police and public safety, RCMP still continued to manage the public order events at Site and CP10, but with greater attention to resolving the threats.

Key Issues/Points/Decisions:

- At the morning briefing, C&SET spoke of the believed connection between the protest group at Site and the cattle haulers. Perso (one of the four wise men) reported to C&SET that the leader was not Perso but rather Perso from Personal Info. (large trucking company in Alberta). Perso, when present during the initial days of the protest, heard Perso talking on the phone with Perso.
- C&SET provided further information at the morning briefing that Personal Info. (cattle haulers) were planning to file a lawsuit against Personal for the blockade, as they

Personal Info. apparently responded for Personal Info.

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- Sgt. EWERT's belief at this time is that there was a bag of guns (just missed), and believes these were not the first guns brought in (some brought in by guitar cases). Believes there are thousands of rounds of ammunition.
- Offences at this time being considered include conspiracy to commit murder, blockade (Critical Infrastructure Defence Act), Mischief 5000+, and firearms trafficking. Need to deal with the threat to police and public safety before addressing the public order issues.
- 1215 approx – Discussion between C/Supt. KUNETZKI and Supt. Roberta MCKALE (Media), regarding the preparation of a pamphlet. The pamphlet was being created to assist with directing protestors to move from CP10 and Site to the lawful protest site (unlawful to lawful). C/Supt. KUNETZKI reiterated importance of not taking sides in the protest, but rather we are looking to ensure a peaceful and lawful protest.
- 1327 – C&SET, Cpl. Curtis Peters, provided updates from a recent meeting with local elected officials, the three wise men, and Person. Cpl. Peters said Person told him at one point during the protest that he heard Person talking to a female on the phone. The female was yelling at Person and called him an "idiot" because he had given up power (by moving vehicles at Site). The female was initially believed to be Personal Info. As the investigation progressed, the belief was that this person was Person's new wife to Personal.
- 1515 – A meeting was planned for Gold and Silver to provide a high level overview briefing to the Premier. C/Supt. KUNETZKI, in the end, was not available to participate and missed the meeting due to operations.
- 1630 to 1800 – Discussions with Bronze CCMG, Bronze Investigation, Bronze CIP, and Gold Command occurred regarding the arrest of protestors. C/Supt. KUNETZKI considered and discussed who should be arrested first, the protest leadership group, or the security detail.
 - Supt. CORBETT presented the thought that arresting the leadership group first might naturally dissolve the less known security detail. Alternatively, first arresting the security detail could at least help to eliminate the threat that was known. This was a continued discussion as the planning went forward.
 - Part of the discussion around timing was the knowledge we had about CP10. The number of protestors at CP10 was known to swell during the week and weekend, and then drop significantly on Sunday evening and Monday morning. Any arrests would

need to give consideration to this situation, in an effort to reduce risks associated to unnecessary flash points and greater risks to police and public safety.

- 1822 – Update from Sgt. EWERT that Tony was talking to someone on the emergency wire about getting more “tactical equipment”.
- Insp. Lee Brachmann arrived to Coutts on this date, at the request of C/Supt. KUNETZKI. Insp. Brachmann would be responsible for establishing and leading a plan to assist with the removal and disposition of protest vehicles.

Day 15 (Saturday) 2022-02-12

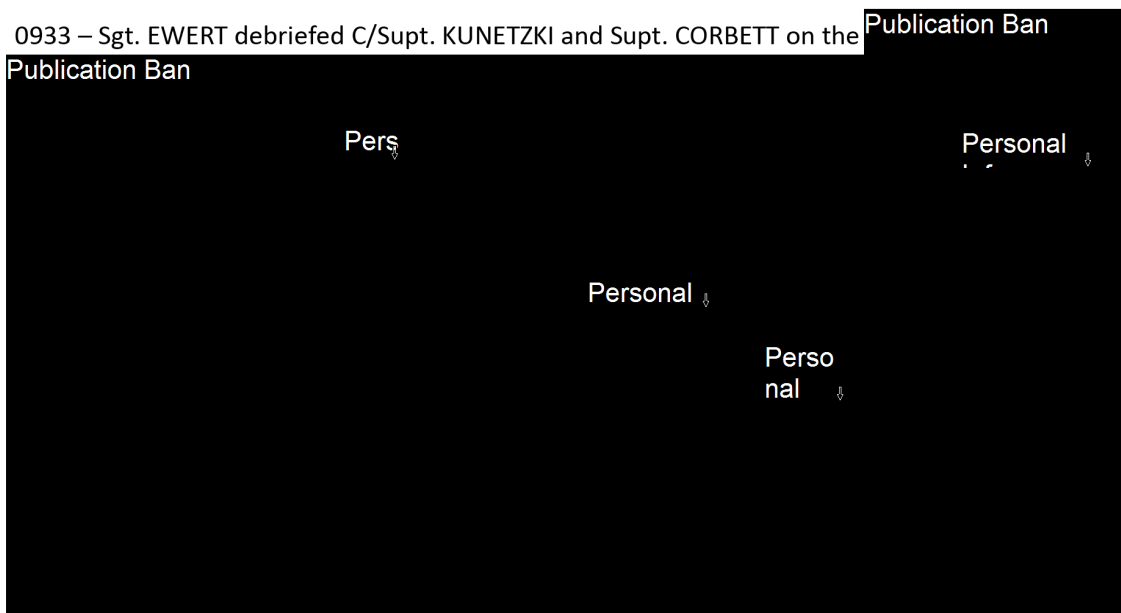
Role – Silver Commander

Both lanes blocked at Site.

The investigation continued with priority being given to police and public safety, and taking actions to de-escalate the possibility of their being violence.

Key Issues/Points/Decisions:

- The planning at this time was around the thought that strategic arrests would be made Sunday, when the number of protestors would be less than what we had traditionally seen on Fridays and Saturdays. This would be followed by voluntary departures of the protestors, possibly an Injunction (being considered as a result of this having some success in Ottawa), and then the use of public order teams to remove any remaining protestors off the highway (at Site and CP10).
- 0933 – Sgt. EWERT debriefed C/Supt. KUNETZKI and Supt. CORBETT on the



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- 1006 – Information there may be a firearm in a semi truck parked at CP10. This was in relation to an individual arrested the night previous at a hotel in Milk River for an overdose call and then possession of a magazine. Sgt. EWERT would have his team prepare a public safety warrant for the truck.
- Sgt. EWERT was looking to prioritize the security detail targets. He advised he would consult on the packages with the Crown.
- 1356 – CCMG Advising of suspicious males in the crowd at CP10, wearing blue radios and 5-11 pants. C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised CCMG to also check CP05.
- 1530 – Supt. CORBETT advised C/Supt. KUNETZKI that three excavators were just dropped off at the Site perimeter. C/Supt. KUNETZKI knows this type of equipment operates on tracks and has the ability to dig up roads and would be almost unstoppable.
- CCMG reported back that subjects with blue radios were also identified at CP05 as well.
- C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised Gold Commander A/Commissioner FERGUSON that he was articulating exigent circumstances and would be advising Supt. CORBETT and ERT to disable the three excavators. Gold acknowledged and understood. Decision at this time made on the basis of the following:
 - Prevent an offence from occurring, relative to serious harm to persons and/or property.
 - No time to seek any other process or lawful authority.
 - The excavators are believed to be at the perimeter for a nefarious purpose, no other reason.
 - The arrival of the excavators follows three consecutive evenings of farm implements arriving at the scene and failing to stop for police, soon after being used to blockade the highway.
 - The protestors already have significant assets blocking the highway (45 commercial vehicles, 50 personal vehicles, 18 tractors, 17 RV's, and an enclosed trailer).
 - The police still do not have access to equipment capable of clearing the blockade.
 - Excavators have the ability to dig up the road and completely block the highway permanently, as well as the ability to completely prevent police and other emergency services from using the highway.
 - Recent reports from CCMG are identifying possible further exterior threats within the protest or security group (men with blue radios dressed in military-style clothing).

- Police are dealing with a significant police and public safety threat, which is becoming increasingly more dangerous by the day and hour; weapons and ammunition.
- 1544 – Sgt. EWERT provided an update from the [redacted] Publication Ban Pers Personal
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- 1600 – CCMG reported having talked to [redacted] Perso about the excavators. He said he did not know what was happening. Excavators were brought in by [redacted] Person brother. CCMG told [redacted] Person they were to be taken home or they would be disabled. The operators of excavators complied and started driving away from the area with STO following.
- Investigative Bronze, Sgt. EWERT, advised [redacted] Publication Ban Pers
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- ERT Commander, S/Sgt. Ron PARKER, advised C/Supt. KUNETZKI that the excavators were only moved 500 meters from Site. C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised ERT to disable the excavators.
- 1823 – Sgt. EWERT reported [redacted] Publication Ban
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- 1953 – Supt. MCKALE advised the semi was searched at CP10 and no firearm was located.

Day 16 (Sunday) 2022-02-13

Role – Silver Commander

Both lanes blocked at Site.

Investigation continued with priority being given to police and public safety, and taking actions to de-escalate the possibility of their being violence.

Key Issues/Points/Decisions:

- 0700 – On the drive to Coutts from Lethbridge, C/Supt. DAROUX advised they searched a second semi truck at CP10 for weapons last night (relating still to the subject who was arrested at Milk River). No weapons were located.

- 0742 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI documented the latest operational plan as it was being considered on this date (Sunday):

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- Investigation continues
- Immediate Action Plan – Media
 - Update on arrests
 - Invitation for others to leave voluntarily
 - RCMP, with assistance from JSG, have obtained tow trucks and will be moving vehicles from Site and CP10
- Monday
 - Injunction / Pamphlet with time to depart and move to new protest site or leave
 - Start towing vehicles from CP10 and one lane NB & SB at Site
- Tuesday
 - Use of STO teams to tow vehicles, move CP10, and hold
 - Continue until done

- 0800 – Morning Briefing. Insp. Brachmann advised he was continuing with his plans to establish a capacity for towing, storing, and processing seized vehicles. RCMP now have some assets to tow vehicles, including commercial vehicles: x2 heavy wreckers, x 2 medium, and x2 normal size (approx descriptions).

- 0831 – Sgt. EWERT provided a Publication Ban

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- Discussion with Sgt. EWERT and Supt. CORBETT. Supt. CORBETT recommending the RCMP interview **Personal Info.** to determine if this interview might end the protest, without their having to be a situation where the police need to do a 'call and contain' in Coutts with ERT. (Command noting the risks to police and public safety are increasing by the day.)
- C/Supt. KUNETZKI and C/Supt. DAROUX discuss the situation with Gold Command; A/Commissioner FERGUSON and C/Supt. TEWFIK. Decision: If an opportunity does not present itself for an arrest of the security detail and key leaders today, then ERT will do a 'call and contain' at the security trailers no later than 0500 Monday morning.
- 1059 – Call from **Perso** to CCMG asking if RCMP had damaged excavators as the owners wanted to get them out. CCMG confirmed RCMP disabled the excavators as the drivers did not remove them when they were warned. This information was provided to the media, and CCMG also advised **Perso** the owners could contact civil litigation.
- 1131 – Sgt. EWERT provided **Publication Ban**

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- 1457 – Sgt EWERT provided an update **Publication Ban** **Personal Info.**

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- 1545 – Publication Ban [REDACTED]
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- 1942 – Protestors at Site start up a tractor and semi truck and then start driving at police. C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised CIP to deploy ERT. The incident can be viewed on FLIR from air support. The situation is dangerous and seriously putting police and public safety at risk.
- ERT arrived on scene but was not able to arrest the driver of the tractor at this time. The driver ran from the tractor into Personal [REDACTED]. The driver of the tractor was later identified an eye witness as Person [REDACTED]
- At this time arrests were being contemplated for the security detail, including Perso [REDACTED] however, the FLIR video feed for some reason now had a delay, and the subjects could not be located at this time.
- 2117 – Following a Silver debrief with Gold, S/Sgt. PARKER with ERT advised they had located Person [REDACTED] he had threatened to take a member's gun, "Those are sexy guns you guys have on. I am going to take one" (words to this effect). C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised to arrest, and at 2127 Person [REDACTED] was taken into custody for Utter Threats.
- 2132 – RCMP located Pers [REDACTED] as well. C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised to arrest Per [REDACTED], and at 2156, ERT arrested Perso [REDACTED] for Mischief Over 5,000.
- Following the arrest of Personal Info. [REDACTED] C/Supt KUNETZKI asked for the search warrant, once signed, to be executed on the security trailers / property (R1).
- C/Supt. KUNETZKI discussed the arrest of Personal Info. [REDACTED] with Supt. CORBETT and Negotiator Leonard MCCOSHEN. Not recommended to arrest either at this time. Perso [REDACTED] is seen to be helping to de-escalate the crowd, telling people the police are only doing their job.
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- 2248 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI asked CCMG to approach Person al Info to have people move along, meaning leave the protest. Person response was, “things that occurred tonight wouldn’t happen again, but they are staying put.”

Day 17 (Monday) 2022-02-14

Role – Silver Commander

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- 0800 – Morning Briefing:
 - CCMG met with Perso who indicated he was aware that two people were arrested the night previous. CCMG asked Perso to scale back the protest and transition to a lawful protest. Perso indicated he was not willing to do this.
 - Insp. Brachmann, Bronze Vehicle Removal Team, provided updates on the RCMP’s ability and capacity to tow vehicles. He reported they had a storage site, but they were still working on fencing. They now had the following assets staged in Lethbridge to assist when ready:
 - X2 heavy haulers

- X2 medium-sized tow trucks
 - X3 light-sized tow trucks
 - X1 mechanic (anticipating vehicles would also be disabled by the protestors)
 - X3 tow operators today, +1 already here
 - X1 heavy duty mechanic
- Sgt. EWERT provided updates on the events of yesterday evening:
 - **Personal Info.** (property owner at security trailer location), and several other persons were arrested from the security trailer site (totalling 11 persons yesterday evening).
 - ERT and the investigative team seized long guns, hand guns, vests, a machete, and an excessive amount of ammunition from the security trailers.
 - **Pers** had not yet been arrested.
- 0945 – Supt. CORBETT advised information that Jerry had learned of the arrests at Coutts and was “fired up”. **Pers** was said to be making threats to “shoot up cops.” ERT was making efforts to locate and arrest **Pers**. He was believed at that time to be headed back to Coutts.
 - 1007 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI completed a broadcast to all members in the area, advising of **Pers** and the officer safety risk.
 - 1112 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI was advised that a Western Star vacuum-style truck drove at members at CP10 and took out pylons. Members had to get out of the way to avoid being struck. The Driver was arrested.
 - 1146 – Media was advising that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will enact the Emergency Measures Act.
 - 1228 – Supt. CORBETT advised ERT located **Pers** and now has him in custody. A rifle and shotgun were seized from **Pers** vehicle.
 - 1301 – CCMG advised the protestors’ lawyer was wanting to de-escalate and discuss an end to the blockade and protest. They were looking to drive away if they could do this, and they were also looking for immunity.
 - 1318 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised clearly that no immunity will be available. CCMG was advised to report back to the protest leadership group that the RCMP’s investigation is ongoing, but people have always been able to leave at anytime.
 - 1424 – Premier Jason Kenney Tweeted the Government of Alberta had successfully procured and staged heavy equipment (referring to the protests).

- 1426 – CCMG, DOJ Barry BECKENDORF, the protestors' lawyer, [Personal Info.] and other protestor [Personal Info.] met to discuss a departure. DOJ confirmed no immunity.
- 1433 – Protestors' lawyer, [Personal Info.] and other protest leaders took the discussion back to the larger group, not in the presence of RCMP or DOJ.
- 1552 – Still no decision by protest group on what they were planning to do. C/Supt. KUNETZKI proposed a plan to Gold, A/Commander FERGUSON, to continue with arrests of leadership and the seizure of Smugglers, after 1600 in the event there is not a resolution. Approved.
- 1600 – Afternoon briefing with Silver / Bronze commanders. Sgt. EWERT advised Crown has approved charges of conspiracy to commit murder on [Personal Info.]
- 1615 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI held a meeting with Bronze CIP, GD, Inv, and CCMG. Information from CCMG was advising at this time that the protestors wanted to stay one more night and then leave. C/Supt. KUNETZKI advised no, and that there is now Gold approval for arrests and seizure of [Personal Info.]. Teams should now start preparing for this plan in the event they do not depart voluntarily.
- 1630 – CCMG advised the protestors were still wanting to stay one more night, because they want to clean up before leaving. They said they would open two lanes and turn over the tractor keys to police for assurance. The protestors said they were also on the way to CP10 to talk to them about moving as well.
- The protestors started immediately to move tractors and commercial vehicles off the highway at Site. They were followed through on their commitment, as they said they would. No arrests were made at this time. The investigation would continue with arrests and charges to follow at a later date, or if the departures failed to continue.
- 1714 – C/Supt. KUNETZKI turned over Silver Command to C/Supt. DAROUX. On the way to the hotel from Site, C/Supt. KUNETZKI observed that the NB and SB lanes at Coutts were open to traffic. Additionally, at CP10, protestors were clearing out at a significant pace.

Day 18 (Tuesday) 2022-02-15

Role – Travel Day

Lanes were open at Coutts, with commercial vehicles and tractors parked off to one side of the highway.

The protest groups at Coutts had continued to clear out of Site, as was the same at CP10. Reports later were that protestors did in fact clean up at both Site and CP10, as they indicated they would.

The protest wound down, and most left the area. There were only a handful of protestors who remained behind at the new designated protest site at Milk River. The matter was then turned back over to the South District Management team.

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